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October 20, 2015

Mr. Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As the State Representative of the 113<sup>th</sup> District, which includes portions of St. Clair and Madison Counties and includes such treasured Communities as Belleville, Swansea, Fairview Heights and Granite City, I wish to extend my support of the proposed Charter Communications merger with Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks.

In the District I serve, there is a diverse range of industries and businesses. To continue to move our communities and State progressively in job growth and economic development, we need competitive broadband infrastructures in a place that have the ability to provide quality services to residence as well as businesses. Charter is one of those telecommunications providers that meet this objective. As a Charter customer, I am aware of their all-digital broadband network. They provide video, voice and data services. In the St. Louis Metropolitan area, Charter offers 100 Mbps as their slowest Internet tier sold. This is a significant boost to all customers that want to stream content without disruptions. Under the New Charter merger, the company intends to expand Bright House Networks' low-income program that would afford certain residents to receive high-quality broadband at a discounted rate.

In terms of jobs, Charter has brought customer service jobs back to America. This has had an impact on customer service improvement. Under New Charter, the company is committed to bringing customer service overseas positions of Time Warner Cable back home. Charter has also worked with RecruitMilitary in an effort to hire military veterans.

I respectfully urge you and the Commission to support the New Charter merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Jay C. Hoffman in dark ink.

Jay C. Hoffman  
State Representative  
113<sup>th</sup> District